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STONE BY DAY, WARRIORS BY NIGHT

WE WERE BETRAYED BY THE HUMANS WE HAD SWORN TO PROTECT, FROZEN IN STONE BY A MAGIC SPELL FOR A THOUSAND YEARS

NOW, HERE IN MANHATTAN, THE SPELL IS BROKEN, AND WE LIVE AGAIN

WE ARE DEFENDERS OF THE NIGHT

WE ARE

GARGOYLES

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NOW...

ALL MY LIFE...

...AND I MEAN *ALL* MY LIFE...

...I'VE HEARD MY *DAD* GO ON AND ON...AND ON AND ON AND ON...

USN

...ABOUT THE *AMAZING* BOND HE SHARES WITH HIS TWO *ROOKERY BROTHERS*.

BUT I GOTTA TELL YOU...

...SINCE WE GOT HERE--HERE IN *MANHATTAN*--I'VE *YET* TO TRULY SEE THAT BOND IN ACTION...

...BUT MAYBE ALL THAT CHANGES ***TONIGHT!***

THEIR NAMES ARE ***BROOKLYN, LEXINGTON*** AND ***BROADWAY***-- THE FAMOUS TRIO--AND THEY ARE...

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THEN...

I GUESS IT ALL STARTED WITH A PHONE CALL...

HELLO?

I'M TELLING YOU, SIS, *DINO* GAVE THE THUMBS UP TO HAVE ME *TAKEN OUT*...

EVERYONE ON THE LINE? *GOOD*.

CRACKS ARE SHOWING, *GLASSES*...

I HEAR YOU, *IZAAK*.

BUT THIS DOES NOT SOUND LIKE THE *DINO DRACON* I KNOW...

SO FAR, BOSS, YOUR *REP'S* WORKED IN YOUR FAVOR...

YINGPEI IS RIGHT. DINO'S NOT A PLOTTER, NOT A SCHEMER...

HE'S A HOWITZER WITH A HAIR-TRIGGER.

THEN WHAT'S THIS HOWITZER BEEN UP TO?

I'M SUPPOSED TO BELIEVE MISTER LOOSE CANNON'S STAYED *QUIET*, WHILE *WE* TEAR EACH OTHER APART?

TIME TO *ESCALATE*...

...I'M COMIN' RIGHT OVER TO TIE A COUPLE RIBBONS ON THESE PACKAGES.

IT'S MY *UNCLE* AGAIN...

...HE TRIED TO HAVE MY BROTHER TAKEN OUT IN PRISON ALONGSIDE YOUR **GOLIATH.**

YOU MAY NOT MUCH CARE ABOUT THAT--

--BUT HIS PLANS TO **PIT** THE RIVAL GANGS AGAINST EACH OTHER AREN'T PAYING OFF...

SO, NOW, HE'S ABOUT TO HURT TWO **INNOCENT** PEOPLE...

...AND YOU **MUST** PROTECT THEM!

USN

DID YOU THINK YOU WERE *PROTECTING* ME?!

BECAUSE KEEPING ME IN THE *DARK* ABOUT ALL THIS WAS *NEVER* GOING TO ACCOMPLISH THAT...

...NOT WITH THE *PUBLIC*, NOT WITH THE *PRESS*, AND DEFINITELY NOT WITH THE *POWERS-THAT-BE!*

FOR *THREE YEARS*, YOU'VE HAD A *HISTORY*--

--A *RELATIONSHIP*-- WITH THE *GARGOYLES*...

...WHICH YOU *NEGLECTED* TO MENTION DESPITE LITERALLY *DOZENS* OF OPPORTUNITIES!

SO, *DETECTIVE MAZA*, TELL ME...*WHAT* DO YOU HAVE TO SAY FOR YOURSELF?

THIS IS A *DRACON* WE'RE TALKING ABOUT?

THAT'S WHERE YOU GOT YOUR TIP?

I KNOW, BUT...

HER INTEL WAS GOOD BEFORE.

BESIDES, THERE ARE *LIVES* AT STAKE!

YEAH! INNOCENT LIVES!

OR IT'S A *TRAP*. A DRACON TRAP TO BAG AND TAG SOME GARGOYLES.

LOOK, *GOLIATH* SHOULD BE BACK HERE *ANY* SECOND...

USN

IT COULD BE ANY TIME NOW...

NOW...

GOTTA ADMIT I'M *SURPRISED* WE DIDN'T HAVE TO TALK YOU *OUT* OF WAITING FOR GOLIATH...

LOOK, *GOLIATH* SHOULD BE BACK HERE *ANY* SECOND...

...BUT IF LIVES *ARE* AT STAKE, THEN *EVERY* SECOND COUNTS. LET'S GO.

TRAP OR NO TRAP, *GARGOYLES PROTECT.*

BUT WE DON'T GLIDE IN HALF-COCKED. *RECON* FIRST. THEN WE MAKE A *PLAN.*

AYE, AYE, CAPTAIN!

YOU GOT IT, BOSS!

THIS IS GONNA BE *FUN!*

IT WASN'T FUN FOR ME, KEEPING THE SECRET...

...BUT YOU'RE ***RIGHT***. I HAD EVERY CHANCE TO TELL YOU...

...AND I DIDN'T.

NO. YOU DIDN'T. BUT ***WHY NOT?***

I HAVE NO ***EXCUSE***, BUT I HAVE AN ***EXPLANATION***--

I'VE HEARD IT ALREADY. IT'S A TAD ***SELFISH***, BUT IT MAKES ***SENSE***.

I ***THOUGHT*** YOU KNEW. WHICH MEANS ***YOU'RE*** IN TROUBLE TOO, ***BLUESTONE***.

HOLD THAT THOUGHT, ***CAPTAIN***. BECAUSE BEFORE YOU ***BUST*** US BOTH DOWN TO ***METER MAIDS***...

...I THINK I HAVE A ***SOLUTION*** TO YOUR PRESS, PUBLIC AND POWERS-THAT-BE PROBLEM.

HEY, ROMEO. JULIET. I GOT GOOD NEWS FOR YA...

...WE'RE SENDING YOU HOME.

OH, THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

REALLY?

SURE. SURE. YOUR ***FAMILIES*** ARE GONNA WANNA SEE WHAT GOOD CARE WE TOOK A YA, RIGHT?

SPREAD OUT THE ***TARPS***.

NO SENSE MAKING A ***MESS***...OR LEAVING ***EVIDENCE*** BEHIND...

YOU HAVE A ***PLAN?***

I HAVE A PLAN.

THERE'S NO NEED...FOR THIS TO BE =HUH HUH= MESSY. I HAVE =HUH HUH= A PLAN...

IT'S ALL LAID OUT IN MY =HUH HUH= MY ***WILL***...

NOTHING =HUH HUH= NOTHING YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT NOW, ***XANATOS***.

WOULDN'T DREAM OF TRYING.

EVERYTHING I OWN...IS IN TURN OWNED =HUH HUH= BY MY CORPORATION...=HUH HUH= ***CYBERBIOTICS***...

I'VE LEFT FORTY-NINE PERCENT =HUH HUH= TO YOU, ***JANINE*** AND NAMED YOU =HUH HUH= ***C.E.O.***

THANK YOU, ***DADDY***. THOUGH IT'S NOT ***AT ALL*** THE WAY I WANTED TO ACQUIRE IT.

HAH! DON'T I KNOW IT!

KOF KOF KOF KOF KOF KOF KOF KOF

DO YOU NEED--

NO, LET ME JUST =HUH HUH= GET THROUGH THIS...

ALEX, HERE, ALSO GETS =HUH HUH= FORTY-NINE PERCENT...

ALEX'S SHARES WILL BE HELD IN TRUST AND IN ***PROXY*** BY =HUH HUH= ***PRESTON VOGEL***...

...WHO WILL ALSO BE CYBERBIOTICS' NEW C.O.O....

AND THE ***TIE-BREAKING*** TWO PERCENT?

I'VE LEFT =HUH HUH= I'VE LEFT THAT ***TWO PERCENT*** TO =HUH HUH= TO...

...TO ***GOLIATH***.

WHAT?! NO!

INSTANTLY MAKING MANHATTAN'S ***NEWEST*** NEWLY-DECLARED CITIZEN...

...INTO ONE OF THE ***RICHEST*** INDIVIDUALS ON THE ISLAND.

IT'S NOT EXACTLY ***THAILOG*** MONEY. BUT ***CONGRATULATIONS***.

WHY'D YOU *REALLY* LAY THOSE TARPS OUT?!

YA SURE YOU *REALLY* WANT TO KNOW?

IT WON'T MATTER...

...UNLESS WE DECIDE TO ROLL *YOU* UP IN 'EM!

=UMPH=

SLAM

AND BY THE WAY...YOUR *MASK'S* OUT OF DATE.

THERE YOU GO!

WHAT-- WHAT'S GOING ON?!

KR-RUNSH

WE'RE RESCUING YOU! ISN'T IT GREAT?!

YOU THINK IT'S THAT *EASY*?!

YOU THINK I WASN'T *PREPARED* FOR YOU *FREAKS* TO *INTERFERE*?!

I OWE YOU =HUH HUH= AN ***APOLOGY***, GOLIATH. FOR YOUR ARREST... YOUR HEARING...

...BUT I ***NEEDED*** YOU TO HAVE =HUH HUH= OFFICIAL ***STANDING*** TO ENABLE YOU TO ***INHERIT***...

BUT ***WHY***, MY FRIEND? I FEAR I AM ***UNEQUAL*** TO THE ***RESPONSIBILITIES*** YOU HAVE SET BEFORE ME...

NHHRRRRRRF

THINK AGAIN!!

THERE IS NO ONE =HUH HUH= I ***TRUST*** MORE TO PROTECT MY GRANDSON'S INHERITANCE...

...AND ***TEACH*** HIM TO USE IT WITH =HUH HUH= ***INTEGRITY***...

THEN I WILL STRIVE TO ***HONOR*** YOUR TRUST.

SEEN THIS KIND OF ***MECH*** BEFORE. EXO-FRAMES ***ELECTRIFY***--

--MAKES 'EM TOUGH TO ***TOUCH***, LET ALONE ***FIGHT***.

ZAK

ZANG

BZAM

ZING

THE KEY IS CUTTING THEIR ***HYDRAULICS***. THAT'S HOW WE BEAT 'EM.

GOOD TO KNOW, BUT...

...JOB ONE IS NOT GETTING BLASTED!

PRESTON...OWEN... "BOTH ALIKE IN DIGNITY..."

THIS AGAIN. I'VE ***NEVER*** SEEN ***ANY*** SIMILARITIES BETWEEN US.

THAT IS WHAT MAKES THEM SO AMUSING.

NEVER =*HUH HUH*= MIND. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ***LOYALTY***, MISTER VOGEL...

IT HAS BEEN AN HONOR TO SERVE YOU, SIR.

C'MON, C'MON!

WAIT, WE'RE GOING WITH ***HIM?!***

YES! PETE, THE ***KIDNAPPERS*** ARE THE ***BAD GUYS***, AND THE ***GARGOYLES*** ARE THE ***GOOD GUYS!***

RIGHT, YEAH, *DUH...*

I'LL ***DROP*** YOU ***ALL*** BEFORE I LET YOU GET AWAY...

XANATOS, YOU ROGUE, TAKE CARE OF MY DAUGHTER =HUH HUH= AND GRANDSON...

ALWAYS.

AND ALEXANDER... KNOW THAT =HUH HUH= YOUR PAPA =HUH HUH= LOVES YOU...

PAPA...

I CAN FLY CIRCLES AROUND THIS GUY...

...BUT THAT'S NOT GETTING US ANY CLOSER TO BEATING THEM.

JUST KEEP 'EM OCCUPIED...

KZAK!

=AHH!=

JANINE...

IT'S ***FOX***...BUT TONIGHT, I WON'T QUIBBLE.

YES...***FOX***...I... I KNOW I WAS NOT =*HUH HUH*= AN EASY FATHER, BUT I HAVE ***ALWAYS*** LOVED YOU...

I KNOW I WASN'T ALWAYS AN EASY ***DAUGHTER***, BUT I ***LOVE*** YOU, TOO. I ***DO***, DADDY. REALLY.

USN

YOU KNOW, YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A BIG ***BULLY!***

AND YOUR ***BROOKLYN COSPLAY?! PATHETIC!***

YOU THINK ***THAT'S*** BAD?!

THIS GUY'S ***ANGELA*** COSPLAY IS EVEN WORSE!!

KRASH

YOU KNOW =HUH HUH= "TITANIA"...YOU DON'T HAVE TO PRETEND TO BE ANASTASIA FOR ME...

THERE WAS NOTHING PRETEND ABOUT MY LIFE AS ANASTASIA RENARD...

OKAY, THEY'RE LINED UP AND READY!

PRETTY MAIDS ALL IN A ROW!

THANK YOU KINDLY, BROTHERS...

ZAK ZAK ZAK ZAK

KOOM KZAK ZAM K-RANG

DIRECT HITS!

HYDRAULIC FLUID DRAINING!

...AND THERE WAS NOTHING PRETEND ABOUT MY ***FEELINGS*** FOR YOU, LOVE...

...AND THEY'RE ALL DEAD IN THE WATER.

HEY, LET ME OUTTA HERE!!

TIME TO GET GONE?

TIME TO GET GONE.

=UNHHHH=

BOSS... I THINK...I THINK THEY GOT AWAY...

BRILIANT OBSERVATION, GLASSES.

BUT NO WORRIES. DINO DRACON HAS ONE ***LAST ROUND*** IN HIS CHAMBER...

...AND WITH IT, I'LL BRING ALL OF ***MANHATTAN*** TO ITS ***KNEES***.

PRETTY SLICK RESCUE OP!

HEY, ROSIE! WE'RE *FLYING!*

I KNOW!! I *LOVE* IT!

IT FEELS GOOD! FEELS *RIGHT!*

THAT IT DOES, BROTHERS! THAT IT DOES!

USN

THAT'S RIGHT! THE *TRIO* IS OFFICIALLY *BACK!*

HE'S GONE...

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